L. N. 306 of 1998

ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) REGULATION 1998 (Made under section 9 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Reflecting mirrors

Regulation 39 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg.) is amended---

- (a) in paragraph (2A), by repealing "Every" and substituting "Subject to paragraph (2B), every";
- (b) by adding---
- "(2B) Paragraph (2A) shall not apply to a public bus, private bus, public light bus or private light bus registered before 1 May 1997 until---
- (a) that bus is required to be produced at any time on or after 1 November 1998 for examination pursuant to section 78 of the Ordinance; or
- (b) 1 November 1999,

whichever is the earlier.".

2. Signs on private light buses carrying students, etc.

Regulation 51 is amended by adding---

- "(3) A private light bus registered before 1 May 1997 shall be deemed to comply with this regulation if it complies with this regulation as in force immediately before that date.".
- 3. Doors

Regulation 68 is amended---

- (a) in paragraph (2A), by repealing "Every" and substituting "Subject to paragraph (2B), every";
- (b) by adding---
- "(2B) Paragraph (2A) shall not apply to a bus or light bus registered before 1 May 1997 until---
- (a) that bus is required to be produced at any time on or after 1 November 1998 for examination pursuant to section 78 of the Ordinance; or
- (b) 1 November 1999,

whichever is the earlier.".

4. Marking, positioning and operation

of emergency exits

Regulation 69(4) is repealed and the following substituted---

"(4) Paragraph (3) shall not apply to---

- (a) a private light bus that has a seating capacity of not more than 12 passengers;
- (b) a bus or light bus registered before 1 May 1997 and which is not used for the carriage to or from an educational institution of the students of the institution (whether or not for hire or reward);
- (c) a bus or light bus registered before 1 May 1997 and which is used for the carriage to or from an educational institution of the students of the institution (whether or not for hire or reward) until---
- (i) that bus is required to be produced at any time on or after 1 November 1998 for examination pursuant to section 78 of the Ordinance; or
 - (ii) 1 November 1999,

whichever is the earlier.".

- 5. Installation of public address system Regulation 78A is amended---
- (a) by repealing "Every" and substituting---
 - "(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every";
- (b) by adding---
- "(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a bus or light bus registered before 1 May 1997 until---
- (a) that bus is required to be produced at any time on or after 1 November 1998 for examination pursuant to section 78 of the Ordinance; or
- (b) 1 November 1999,

whichever is the earlier.".

Consequential Amendments

Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance

of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 1997

6. Transitional

Section 9 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles)

(Amendment) Regulation 1997 (L. N. 96 of 1997) is repealed.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends certain provisions of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg.) to specify when those provisions shall or shall not apply to certain vehicles registered before 1 May 1997 (sections 1 to 5). The amendments replace the transitional provisions in section 9 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulation 1997 (L. N. 96 of 1997) which is consequentially repealed (section 6).